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In Reply, please refer to the Application of:

McCarthy et al.

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MINIMIZING CODING
STRATEGY METHOD AND
APPARATUS"

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) of three (3) months in which to respond to the Office Action mailed June 12, 2003, with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the period for response from September 12, 2003 to December 12, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2198 in the amount of \$950.00 for payment of the extension fee. Applicants believe that no other fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for any fee deficiencies associated with filing this paper.

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**REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH
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Respectfully submitted,

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